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Collins et al.

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OF INFLAMMATORY DISEASE

Examiner: V. Afremova

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 6, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office action and is simultaneously filing a petition for a three-month extension and a check in payment for the required fee. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.